**Irrigation wells for SCs/STs under NREGA in Jharkhand**

976. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) under NREGA, how many irrigation wells for SC/ST beneficiaries in Jharkhand were started in the year 2006-2007;

(b) how many of the started wells were completed up to 30th June 2007;

(c) how many of the incomplete wells have already collapsed by 31st July 2007;

(d) what action has been taken against the officers/Government employees responsible for collapse of these wells; and

(e) whether beneficiaries whose wells have collapsed will get benefit again?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) to (e) Information is being collected.

**Trade union of labourers working under NREGA**

977. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any trade union of labourers working under NREGA has been registered and recognized;

(b) the benefits which can be obtained by such labourers by their trade union rights;

(c) whether Government has any information regarding the number of labourers working under the scheme of NREGA; and

(d) if so, the state-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) No, Sir. National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 does not provide for formation of trade unions by labourers.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) and (d) State-wise data regarding number of households who have been provided employment under NREGA during 2006-07 and 2007-08 (upto October, 07) is given in the Statement.

***Statement***

*Households who have been provided employment under NREGA during* 2006-07 *and* 2007-08

| Sl. No. | States | No. of households provided employment under NREGA during 2006-07 | No. of households provided employment under NREGA during 2007-08 (upto October, 07) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 2161395 | 3222291 |
| 2. | Arunachal Pradesh | 16926 | 0 |